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UNITED STATES SENATE
Washington, D.C.

August 25, 1953.

Hon. Allen W. Dulles,
Director of Central Intelligence,
2430 E Street,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

As you know, I have introduced a bill to establish a Joint Congressional Committee, along the lines of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, for the CIA. I would appreciate receiving an answer from you on the questions listed below:

1. What is the present relationship between Congress and CIA?
 - a. Before what Committees, other than Appropriations, have CIA representatives appeared on agency business? Is there any regular survey of CIA's activities by any committee? What is CIA's procedure for getting desired legislation? How many members of Congress know CIA's annual appropriation?
 - b. In what instances do members of Congress receive intelligence reports from CIA? Is it only when some other Executive Agency recommends it to support their position?
2. Does the Central Intelligence Agency feel that the present ties with Congress are adequate? What is its opinion of a Joint Committee on Central Intelligence similar to the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy?
3. What action was taken on the Hoover Commission recommendation that "vigorous efforts be made to improve the internal structure of the CIA and the quality of its product."?

Must close now but hoping to hear from you soon, and with best personal wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Mike Mansfield

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